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**REMARKS**

According to the Office Action, the application contains two inventions comprising the following:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 10-23, drawn to the method and apparatus of hot or cold rolling a metal strip with strip storage assemblies, classified in class 72, subclass 148.
- II. Claims 6-9 and 24-29, drawn to a method and apparatus of hot or cold rolling a metal strip with the use of a controllable braking moment generator, classified in class 72, subclass 205.

Applicant elects Species I and claims 1-5 and 10-23 for prosecution.

Applicant reserves the right to add the non-elected claims upon the allowance of a generic claim containing the same general inventive concept as the non-elected claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney if any unresolved matters remain with respect to this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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